

Georgia Southern University Athletics



Baseball Falls to Georgia State, Plays Arkansas State Friday at 10 a.m. ET

Baseball

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TROY, Ala. – Trade Sweeting broke a 2-2 tie with a two-out single in the eighth inning to lift the Georgia State Panthers to a 3-2 win over the Georgia Southern Eagles in game one of the Sun Belt Conference Tournament at Riddle-Pace Field.

The Eagles (30-26) tied the game in the bottom of the seventh inning but the Panthers (30-25) retook the lead in the top of the eighth inning off of reliever [Ryan Frederick](#).

Frederick (3-2) allowed a pair of singles around two strikeouts to start the frame before Sweeting plated Cam Sperry from second base with a single to center field. Frederick allowed one run on three hits over an inning.

Georgia Southern put runners on the corners in the 9th inning after [Kody Adams](#) and [Aaron Mizell](#) hit back-to-back two-out singles, but Kevin Burgee got a fly out from [Ryan Cleveland](#) to end the game. Burgee (8) worked a scoreless 1.1 innings and struck out one batter for the save.

"Georgia State got a big two out hit from Matt Rose to take the lead and their guys out of the bullpen did a good job. On our end, we had opportunities right out of the gate in the first inning," Head Coach [Rodney Hennon](#) said.

Georgia State struck for a 2-0 lead in the third inning after loading the bases with two outs. Matt Rose hit a sharp single to center field to give the Panthers the early lead.

Wayne Wages picked up the victory out of the bullpen after the Panthers retook the lead. Wages (4-0) struck out two batters and did not allow a hit or a walk over 1.1 innings.

Nathan Bates held GS scoreless over the first six innings before surrendering the lead and two runs in the seventh inning. Bates left with a no decision after allowing five hits and five walks over 6.1 innings.

[Evan Challenger](#) was solid for the Eagles allowing two runs on six hits and two walks. Challenger struck out five batters over six innings in a no decision.

The baseball team will play Arkansas State tomorrow at 10 a.m. eastern time in an elimination game.

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